

## Don't Be Led Astray

*<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For everything in the world — the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does — comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup>The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.*

*1 John 2:15-17 (NIV84)*

## Remain in Him

***Don't be led astray by*** the world and the things of the world that are contrary to God.

- Desires of sinful man.
- Covetousness (desires of the eyes).
- Pride in what we have and do.

***Don't be led astray by*** those who are against Christ (anti-Christ).

- Denies Jesus is the Messiah (Christ).
- Denies Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.

**Do remain** (abide, dwell, live):

- in the true (Biblical) teaching about Christ.
- in the anointing (Holy Spirit) from God.
- in Him (Father, Son, Spirit).

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## Deepening Your Walk with God

For the week of June 12, 2016

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at the Taking It Home section and Next Steps from last week, how did last week's sermon cause you to live differently?

### MY STORY

1. For you, what are the things that most often nudge God off of the throne in your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. For you, what do you do that most helps keep God on the throne of your life?

### DIGGING DEEPER

*Take a few moments to ask God to open your heart to the beauty of His revealed Word and provide understanding through His Spirit.*

1. **Antichrist.** What are some of the things you have heard about or been taught about antichrist, or the antichrist? Where would you expect the word antichrist to appear most in the bible?

The word "antichrist" appears only five times (in four verses) in the Bible (all in 1 John or 2 John). Read each of these four verses and write down as many facts about what an (or the) antichrist is that you can find in these verses and their contexts.

*1 John 2:18, 1 John 2:22, 1 John 4:3, 2 John 7*

**2. Abide (Remain) in Jesus.** Webster's online dictionary summarizes the use of abide in our relationship with Jesus in the following way:

*"Jesus is asking his followers to stay constant in their relationship to him."*

What does it mean to you to have a "relationship" with Jesus and how is it different from a having a relationship with someone on this earth?

What are some ways that you currently stay constant with your relationship with Jesus?

What are some ways that you have seen others stay constant in their relationship with Jesus that you don't do but think would be beneficial?

**3. Vines and Branches.** Read John 15:1-10. How does the metaphor of the vine and the branches help you to understand what being constant in your relationship with Jesus is about?

What else from these 10 verses helps you understand what remaining or abiding in Jesus is all about?

## TAKING IT HOME

**1. Don't Be Led Astray.** We all have different weak spots when it comes to how the world and the things of the world lead us astray. For you, what most challenges God's place as the most important person/thing in your life? What is one concrete action you can take this week that will help counteract this worldly challenge?

**2. Remain in Him.** What is one way that you can stay constant with your relationship with each member of the trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). Choose one of these three and commit to doing it this week.

*Father*

*Son*

*Holy Spirit*

## NEXT STEPS

Which of these NEXT STEPS will you take in order to remain constant in your relationship with God?

\_\_\_ Do the insert *Deepening Your Walk with God*.

\_\_\_ Read 1 John in one sitting at least once (weekly if possible).

\_\_\_ Commit to Biblical living...no matter what.

\_\_\_ Live out love...because God loved us first.

\_\_\_ Share the light of Christ with someone in darkness.

\_\_\_ Trust in Christ alone for eternal life.

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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